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Great Work of Detectives In Iron Workers' Office

**Dictagraph Hidden Under Drawer In Desk
and Government Detectives In Room Be-
low--For Months Information Has Been
Obtained Through This Method.**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 19.—Whatever P. M. Ryan and other indicted union officials have said in their office about the dynamite conspiracy since last October is alleged to have been learned by the government through a dictagraph discovered Saturday in the headquarters of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

The dictagraph, hidden under a drawer in the desk about which Ryan, the president; Herbert S. Hockin, the secretary-treasurer, and J. T. Butler, first vice president, and other officials conferred concerning their defense and pleas is said to have enabled two government stenographers in a room below to take daily reports to the conversation.

The use of the dictagraph was disclosed Saturday when the government decided it was no longer of value, because a woman clerk in Ryan's office was heard to say: "Well, I suppose they are hearing now whatever we say."

The dictagraph was hidden in the desk only used by J. J. McNamara, the dynamiter, and upon which he is alleged to have arranged his alarm clock scheme for regulating the time at which bombs were to be set off.

The discovery of the dictagraph followed soon after the government had received intimations that some of the defendants were ready to "tell all they knew."

Mr. Miller said the dictagraph had worked satisfactorily for many months and many volumes of stenographic notes had been taken and would be used at the trials.

The instrument was working Saturday, when the following was recorded:

Woman's voice—I wonder if those words go to the jail, and if they are listening to us now."

Male voice—I suppose so; I wish I could find out where the sounding board is.

Hockin—Say, Ryan, do you know what a dictagraph looks like?

Ryan—It's about as big as a hat. I am told, but I never saw one.

Hockin—I hear there is one on exhibition in this city, and I believe I will go and take a look at it.

After that Mr. Nichols said he had no doubt that Ryan knew of the dictagraph.

As further showing the operation of the dictagraph, Mr. Nichols gave out a sample of the conversation known to have taken place last Wednesday, soon after the arrests were made.

Hockin—Go right in, boys. I'll be there in a minute.

Voice (evidently reporter)—Will all these men be able to get bond?

Hockin—We hope so; but we have no money to furnish.

Voice—How much money is there in the treasury?

Hockin—About \$20,000.

Voice—By the way, is McNamara's picture in this group?

Hockin—Yes; that's him right there.

Voice—Is it your idea the government will pay the expense of these men coming to Indianapolis on March 12 for arraignment?

Hockin—Well, now, that puts an idea into my head; I hadn't even thought about that. It beats the devil how there are so many things to think about. It seems the government ought to.

Ryan was then told there was a dictagraph in his office. He consented to have his informant search his office.

An examination of Ryan's desk exposed the annunciator of the apparatus, hanging by its wires on the back wall of the desk, directly beneath the top. Disconnected, the annunciator was shown to Ryan and then carried away.

"What do you think about that?" said Ryan. "How did they get in here?"

The wires from the dictagraph annunciator ran from the back of the desk through the floor and into a room below rented by the government. Here sat every day two stenographers under the direction of Roland Evans, stenographer for the federal court, with the receiving apparatus at their ears. The stenographers worked in relays, except at such times when it was desired to take a double record for corroboration.

Both Ryan and Hockin said they were amazed that a dictagraph had been in operation in the office though they had speculated on the possibility of such an arrangement by the federal investigators.

"They are welcome to anything I have said," said Hockin, "none of my conversations have been incriminating, because I have done nothing wrong."

CHILDREN OF STRIKERS FED AND SHELTERED

**NINETY-TWO MORE FROM TEX-
TILE AREA ARE BROUGHT
TO NEW YORK.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Ninety-two more children of the Lawrence textile mill strikers were brought to New York Saturday and distributed among the 600 who had applied to adopt them temporarily to help the striking parents.

A large crowd, many carrying socialist banners, met the children at the train, and marched to a hall where the party were fed.

"The children of Lawrence asked God for bread and received bayonets. You can jail men, but you cannot jail children," was one of the banner inscriptions.

A petition was received from Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont to take care of some of the children, but it was denied, as it was a week ago, with the explanation that the children would be assigned to such homes as they would find congenial.

JOHNSON-FLYNN MONEY IS NOW UP FOR BIG FIGHT

**BOXERS PUT UP CHECKS WITH
TEARNEY IN CHICAGO; PLACE
IS NOT NAMED.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Jack Johnson, Jim Flynn and Jack Curley, Saturday posted \$26,000 in certified checks with Al Tearney, this sum being stakes as the money for the world's heavyweight championship fight between Jack Johnson and "Fireman" Flynn. The time and place for the battle were not set. Curley intimated that the place would not be determined until May 1.

NEVADA CLUB AGAIN OPENED FOR BUSINESS

The New Nevada club, which was damaged by the recent fire in the State Bank & Trust company's building reopened for business today and Mr. J. G. Crumley says the old stock is all gone, destroyed by fire. Everything is new but the whiskey, which was all saved and still retains its age and flavor. Mr. Crumley speaks highly of Mr. R. T. Archer and Mr. R. J. Highland, the former the adjuster for the insurance companies and the latter the local agent of the company, in which the Nevada Club was insured. Upon the arrival of the adjuster he checked up the damaged goods and figured the loss to the fixtures and furniture, and in side of thirty minutes the loss was adjusted satisfactorily to all concerned.

SAN DIEGO JAIL IS FILLING UP WITH "I WON'T WORKS"

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 19.—Six more arrests for violation of the ordinance restricting public speaking were made here last night. Leaders of the movement announced hundreds of members of the Industrial Workers of the World are headed toward the city to swell the ranks of their fellows now in jail here. The ten arrested last night demand jury trials.

BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION ON BOND ELECTION

Editor Bonanza:

There seems to be some question in minds of taxpayers as to how much difference it will make with them personally if the school bonds are voted for \$50,000. A large portion of the taxes on the assessed valuation of property in Tonopah is paid by the respective mines by taxes on their assessed valuation and by their payment of bullion tax, the balance being received from the other property owners, merchants, etc. The large proportion of taxes that is received from the mining and bullion taxes, etc., and this will probably be increased on account of the new mills built here in 1911. The tax rate for 1911 was 3.55, and more than \$10,000 were received over and above expenses. This surplus would reduce the rate for 1912, and if the bond issue is voted, the 20-cent tax necessary for it will not make the rate any higher than last year. So the amount of taxes paid respectively by each taxpayer should be even less than for the last year. Supposing, however, the rate should be increased a small amount, this divided among so many property owners on the assessment roll, would fall so lightly on each taxpayer as hardly to be felt at all. Probably not a single taxpayer, if approached, would refuse to pay such a small amount to gain the advantages to be derived from ample, proper and sufficient facilities for the education of our children.

THE BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

S. R. MOORE, Secretary.

TONOPAH HIGH LOSES TO GOLD- FIELD TEAM

The Tonopah High school basketball team journeyed to Goldfield Saturday morning and that evening in that city met their Waterloo in a basketball game played with the Goldfield High school team. It is the same old story and on overload of confidence by our boys. The game was interesting from start to finish, but the gold camp boys outplayed our lads and outgeneraled them. This is the reason of them not bringing home the bacon. Our boys speak in the highest praise of the courteous treatment accorded them by the good people of Goldfield. The many courtesies extended to them greatly aids in their feelings of over their defeat. It will be different next time the two teams come together. The score at the end of the game stood 31 to 11 in favor of Goldfield.

K. OF C'S HOLD BIG INITIATION

Yesterday morning fifty Knights of Columbus and their families, bringing the number up to 75 people, journeyed by train to Goldfield to witness the initiation of 35 candidates into the order. Joseph Scott, state district deputy of California, arrived from Los Angeles Saturday evening with a well-drilled team from the Angel city to put on the degree work. This was accomplished in the afternoon and in the evening a sumptuous banquet was served to the members of the order and the visiting guests from this city. The Tonopah contingent all acclaim that the "Goldfield way" is the only way to make visitors happy. The special train returning the Tonopah Knights and their escorts arrived in Tonopah this morning at 2 a. m. All report an enjoyable day spent in Goldfield.

KILLED BY CONSTABLE.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 19.—Russell Altman, aged 24 years, was shot and killed Saturday at Carey by Constable Eldredge. Altman was trying to escape after having been arrested on a statutory charge.

STATE LEGISLATURE At Session to Convene on 23d MAY OPEN GAMBLING

**Rumor Says Session Will Last Twenty Days
--Also Warden of Penitentiary May Be Retired.**

RENO, Nev., Feb. 19.—Today rumor is very active in Reno regarding the coming session of the legislature, which convenes at the Capital city next Friday morning. Rumor says the session will consume twenty days in its deliberations. It is said upon the streets that Warden Baker is slated for a retirement, but this has not been verified. It is also claimed that a measure is to be passed permitting slot machines to be operated in the state. The knowing ones say

a big fund has been raised to lobby this measure through. Owing to the deficiency in the state's finances, caused by the law forbidding gambling, an effort is to be made to again license certain gambling games. Many of the legislators are beginning to arrive to put themselves in condition for the coming session. The old-time politicians are beginning to be heard. It is said that the measures above mentioned will be legislated upon as the governor's message will permit of them.

EMILIANO VASQUEZ GOMEZ HAS ACCEPTED MEXICAN PRESIDENCY

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 19.—Emiliano Vasquez Gomez Saturday issued a manifesto accepting the provisional presidency of Mexico. He subscribes to the plan of Tacubaya, which, he says, was written while he was an exile in a foreign land.

He reiterates that he has taken no part in the affairs of Mexico, except to write to the press and a few friends in America.

He declares the Madero government should be overthrown because it has not carried out the plan of San Luis Potosi, upon which the last revolution was based. Gomez says he will remain in San Antonio and take no part in the warfare in Mexico. He urges his followers to respect all the rights of foreigners.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 19.—Notwithstanding their threats to attack the city before the end of last week, the rebels are yet regarding Torreon from a distance. Communication with that town

by telegraph was restored. With railroads disabled, it is impossible to renew food supplies to the federal troops. Most of the Americans and many other foreigners have left. It is not the rebel force of Torreon the people fear so much as the horde of individual men likely to take advantage of the rebel assault. One man in a letter stated that already there were camped about the place hundreds of Indians awaiting the day when they can join in the looting.

Reports from various parts of the republic tell of rebel raids and small uprisings in distant points. Last night a small band of rebels overpowered the garrison, took the arms and ammunition from the federalists and departed without doing any looting.

The defeat of a body of rebels who were organized a few days ago in Etla, in Oaxaca, is reported.

Since the establishment Saturday of a censorship of Cuernavaca, only news from that district has been that of a promise of a battle today.

TAXICAB SERVICE FOR TOWN OF TONOPAH

G. D. Jenkins and Otto Wise left for Los Angeles this morning and will return with a Ford car and a taxicab.

The firm of Jenkins & Hand, handling the Ford car, will conduct an all day and night taxicab service in Tonopah on arrival of the machines from Los Angeles.

DEATH BY SHOOTING CHOICE OF CONDEMNED

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 19.—Death by shooting was selected by Harvey M. Mewhinney Saturday when the court, before passing sentence, asked how he preferred to die for the murder of C. L. Erickson, October 6, 1911. March 25 was set as the day of execution. Mewhinney has appealed to the supreme court for a new trial.

SAYS THAT PRESIDENCY WOULD BE PHYSICAL RUIN

Urges Election of Dr. Sun By the New Republic--Health Is Bad and Would Prefer to Return to Peaceful Pursuits on Farm.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 19.—Yuan Shi Kai telegraphed yesterday to Nanjing requesting Huang Sing, the war minister in the republican cabinet, to dispatch troops to assist in quelling disturbances in Manchuria. Yuan Shi Kai also telegraphed to Dr. Wu Ting Fang, the republican minister of justice, and to Tang Shao Yi, his representative, urging them to endeavor to secure the election of Dr. Sun Yat Sen as president of the republic in his place.

In his dispatch he said: "I am unable to control the involved situation in China, as I am suffering from impaired health. Now that the aims of the republic have been attained, I have accomplished my duty. The post of president of the republic would only lead to my ruin. I ask your kind offices and interest with the people of the country to elect Dr. Sun Yat Sen, to whom credit should be given."

The new constitution will be approved by the assembly at Nanking, on February 20.

General Homer Lea, the American

officer who has been acting as military adviser to Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who has been seriously ill, has now rallied and may recover.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, in an interview yesterday, urged that an appeal should be made to foreigners to contribute to the relief of the famine in China. He said that owing to the life and death struggle for freedom, which had been going on, the administration was helpless at present, but he hoped that hereafter it would not be necessary for China to make any appeal abroad.

WEALTHY LUMBER MAN COMMITTS SUICIDE

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Feb. 19.—L. M. R. Bradley, a wealthy lumber dealer, of Bay City, Mich., shot and killed himself in his home Saturday near Arlington, a suburb. It is believed by Bradley's relatives that his mind had become unbalanced. Of late he had been brooding over what he said was an attempt to legislate the lumber trade out of business.

DEATH LURKING IN THE GALE FOR AEROPLANE MEN

**Emeryville Meet Probably Fatal for Comrade
of the Late Eugene Ely--Engine Falls on
Hoff--One Gets Lost In Fog.**

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 19.—Opening of an aviation meet at the old Emeryville race track, near here yesterday, was baptized with blood. Last night Aviator William H. Hoff, of San Francisco lay probably dying in a hospital and a half a dozen of his fellow aviators, more fortunate than he, escaped from the wreckage of their machines, and are nerving themselves to play again today the hide and seek game with death.

Phil O. Parmelee, Glenn Martin, Horace F. Kearney and Hillary Beachey were among those whose machines were driven to the ground. One after another the biplanes were caught by the wind which was broken into combing currents by the islands of San Francisco bay and the hills and mountains that surround it. Before the aviators could pitch their planes to meet one burst of the half gale, another from a different direction, would upset their entire equilibrium.

Parham T. Fish, the youngest aviator of the meet, became lost in the fog and it was feared he had fallen into the swift tide which

races past the federal prison on Alcatraz island, but he finally landed.

Hoff was trying out a new machine when he met misfortune. As he flew at a height of about 50 feet, an air current, sweeping around Mount Tamalpais, struck the biplane. It buckled, and dropped straight to the earth. Hoff was under it. His pievis bone was broken, his nose broken, his face was pulp and he sustained severe internal injuries.

Young Fish, when he alighted, said he had lost all sense of direction in the fog, and just took a chance. Hemmed in by San Francisco and San Pablo bays he was fortunate enough to light on the neck of land between them.

Hoff was mechanician for Eugene Ely when Ely was killed at Macoon, Ga. Mrs. Ely was in the grandstand and sat paralyzed with horror as Hoff fell.

Fred North, of North & Ferguson, of Manhattan, left for the coast yesterday on a three months' visit.